

By Ms. Rivera of Springfield, petition of Cheryl A. Rivera relative to initiative and referendum petitions in cities. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS IN CITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. General Laws chapter 43, section 38, is hereby
2 amended by striking in line thirteen "registered voters" and
3 inserting in place thereof "total votes cast for governor, excluding
4 blanks, in the municipality at the preceding biennial state elec-
5 tion."

1 SECTION 2. General Laws chapter 43, section 39, is hereby
2 amended by striking in line two "whole number of registered
3 voters" and inserting in place thereof "total votes cast for gov-
4 ernor, excluding blanks, in the municipality at the preceding bien-
5 nial state election."

1 SECTION 3. General Laws chapter 43, section 40, is hereby
2 amended by striking in line three "total number of registered
3 voters" and inserting in place thereof "total votes cast for gov-
4 ernor, excluding blanks, in the municipality at the preceding bien-
5 nial state election."

1 SECTION 4. General Laws, chapter 43, section 40, is hereby
2 further amended by striking in line fifteen "one third of the whole
3 number thereof" and inserting in place thereof "at least 30% of
4 the total number of ballots cast at such election."

1 SECTION 5. General Laws chapter 43, section 41, is hereby
2 amended by striking in line four “total number of registered
3 voters” and inserting in place thereof “total votes cast for gov-
4 ernor, excluding blanks, in the municipality at the preceding bien-
5 nial state election.”